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South Greenwood Site

Chicago, IL - EPA Region V



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The Greenwood Avenue Site is located at 8849-59 South Greenwood Avenue in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Site consists of an abandoned single story manufacturing facility in a dilapidated state. The yard area to the rear of the facility is unsecured. A loading dock area at the rear of the building contains approximately twenty-four 55-gallon drums. This area is secured by a chain-link fence with a locked gate. An unsecured cinder block structure located immediately adjacent to the loading dock fence contained several 5-gallon pails and numerous small miscellaneous containers. Approximately 5 cubic yards of pulverized asbestos-containing floor tile waste is present in the yard at the rear of the facility.

On March 15, 2007, the Chicago Department of the Environment (Chicago DOE) discovered the abandoned Site while investigating a complaint at a nearby location. Besides the twenty-four 55-gallon drums in the dock area, the miscellaneous containers in the cinder block structure, and the asbestos-containing tiles, there were five semi-trailers located at the rear of the property. One of the trailers contained several totes and 55-gallon drums.

On April 10, 2007, the Chicago DOE referred the Greenwood Site to U.S. EPA for a time-critical removal assessment and a possible removal action to abate the hazards at the Site.

The Chicago DOE conducted additional inspections of the Site in May and June, 2007, and found the back door to the facility forced open and cardboard had been put over the barbed wire fence to permit entry into the loading dock area where the drums were being stored.

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On August 20, 2007, U.S. EPA mobilized its Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor to the Site to conduct a Site walkthrough. The trailer with the totes and drums was present at the back of the facility. Approximately twenty-four 55-gallon drums were present in the loading dock area of the facility. Numerous miscellaneous containers were present in the loading dock area and the cinder block building at the rear of the facility.

On August 23, 2007, U.S. EPA and START returned to the Site to perform a Site assessment. The Site assessment included documenting current Site conditions, taking inventory of containers and drums, collecting drum samples and performing laboratory chemical analysis. At this time, the trailer with the totes and drums was no longer present at the Site. U.S. EPA collected 6 samples from the 24 drums in the loading dock area. Another sample was collected from the presumed asbestos-containing floor tile material at the back of the facility. Analytical results showed that two of the six samples exhibited the characteristic of ignitability. Samples also contained hazardous constituents including acetone, chromium, xylenes, ethylbenzene, and toluene. The sample of the floor tile material contained asbestos.

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